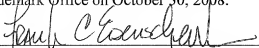


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Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination accompanies this Amendment.

Applicants request that the period for response be extended three months through and including October 30, 2008, the fees for which have been paid at the time this Amendment was filed.

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